

REMARKS

Claim 1-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as not being enabled for the genuses recited in the claims. Claims 1 to 25 have been cancelled, and new claims 26 to 48 have been submitted to point out the invention in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs.

From new claim 26, which is based on original claims 1 and 16, it is apparent that the invention is concerned with a deodorizing cleansing and aiding agent for use with a cloth article washing base for washing cloth articles, and preventing human body enzymes from generating unpleasant human body odors. The said agent comprises active principles including alpha and beta hydroxy acid esters which, upon contacting said human body enzymes, are decomposed to aliphatic alcohols and alpha hydroxy acids that prevent said human body enzymes from degrading human perspiration and thus avoiding the generation of short chain fat acids and the resultant unpleasant body odors. The washing base is present in a by weight rate from 0.1 to 10%. The Examiner has objected to the use of a trademark in the claims. It is requested that this ground of objection be withdrawn because the use of a trademark does not make the claim indefinite as it does define a particular material. The ingredients in new claims 46-48 are defined in weight percent. For these reasons, it is requested that the rejections under Section 112 be withdrawn.

Claims 1-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Vermeer.

Reconsideration is requested.

Vermeer discloses a personal product cleansing

composition exhibiting mild cleansing, opacifying, pearlescent and suspending action. This liquid detergent composition exhibits enhanced viscosity and improved detergency. However, this cleansing composition has not been formulated to be added to cloth article washing bases. Actually, this prior composition is a personal use composition designed for cleansing human body parts and in particular for removing soils, such as oily soils and the like from human hands. Actually, the application of this prior composition, as disclosed, for example, on columns 21 and 22 of Vermeer, teaches the formulation of a hair care product as well as products for the bath, skin care, shaving, deodorant, antiperspirants, oral hygiene products, personal detergent products for cleansing hands and soiled human body parts. In preferred embodiments the Vermeer cleansing composition has abrasive properties. Such a composition could not be used for washing cloth articles.

Moreover, Vermeer does not teach or address how to solve the problem of preventing human unpleasant body odors which are generated by perspiration residues on wash cloths. The Vermeer compositions are very different from the claimed cloth article washing composition which is specifically designed for the prevention of unpleasant human body odors.

In this connection, Applicant wishes to point out that new claim 26 has been drafted to clearly indicate, as stated, that Applicant's agent is formulated to be added to a cloth article washing base for preventing unpleasant odors from being generated. New claim 26 is fully supported by the

original disclosure and does not add new matter, The main feature of claim 1 is that the agent comprises active principles including alpha and beta hydroxy acid esters which, upon contacting said human body enzymes are decomposed to aliphatic alcohols and alpha hydroxyl acids preventing said human body enzymes from degrading human perspiration as disclosed in the second paragraph of page 4 of Applicant's specification.

As stated, it is respectfully submitted that the cleansing composition of the mentioned prior art document could not be used for cleansing cloth articles to achieve the above stressed main object of Applicant's invention. For these reasons,. It is requested that this ground of rejection be withdrawn.

Thus, allowance of the application is respectfully solicited.

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